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Remarks:

Regarding the restriction / election requirement:

The Examiner has divided the subject matter of the application into three species, namely:

Species 1: the embodiment according to Fig. 1;

Species 2: the embodiment according to Fig. 4;

Species 3: the embodiment according to Fig. 6.

Notwithstanding the assertions of the Examiner, the applicant believes that the subject matter of each of the Species 1, 2 and 3 share a common technical nexus, which would permit for the Examiner to concurrently consider and search the prior art with respect to all of the claims presently outstanding in the application, without causing an undue burden on the Examiner. Thus, withdrawal of the outstanding election of species requirement is respectfully requested.

Nonetheless, if the Examiner does not withdraw the outstanding *Restriction Requirement / Election of Species*, the applicant provisionally elects with TRAVERSE the following:

Species 3: the embodiment according to Fig. 6.

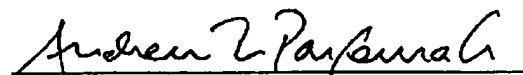
The applicant expressly reserves their right to reinstate any non-elected subject matter indicated this paper in a later filed application, or alternately, re-enter the presently non-elected claims/ species as dependent claims written to encompass limitations of allowable claims and request rejoinder of the subject matter of non-elected claims at a later time.

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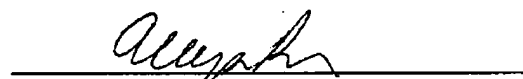
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